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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been significant decline in the research and development activities being undertaken by Universities due to erosion of research base;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefore; and

(c) the measures being taken to strengthen R&D in the Universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): A Task Force was constituted by the Central Government for strengthening and encouraging basic science research in universities. The recommendations of the Task Force are being implemented by the University Grants Commission through an Empowered Committee. Subject to the finalization of the 11th Plan substantial allocation of resources would help in strengthening of scientific research in universities.